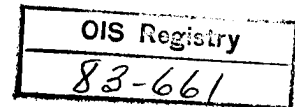


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Mr. David M. Broy
GAO Evaluator
Room 3864
441 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20548


Dear Mr. Broy:

At the request of Ms. Jo Ann Williamson of the Records Declassification Division, National Archives and Records Service, we have reviewed the Office of Strategic Services document dated 25 April 1944 which you asked to be declassified.

We have completed our review and have found that it no longer needs to be classified. The document is enclosed; it bears our classification review stamp showing our action.

We will notify Ms. Williamson of this action.


Sincerely,


Director of Information Services
Directorate of Administration

Enclosure

cc: Jo Ann Williamson

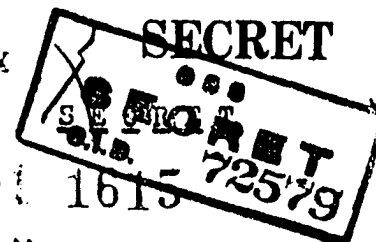
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1. Transmitted herewith are:

Two (2) copies "Albania, 1944" prepared in office of Staff Officer Special Operations, Bari, Italy.

2. This report attempts both to summarize the facts and probe the motives of the different groups within Albania to determine the true attitude of the people toward the enemy occupants. The information is taken from a variety of sources, all considered reasonably reliable.

3. It is believed that this report will be of interest to Op-16-FA-6, ONI & Souther European Branch MID.

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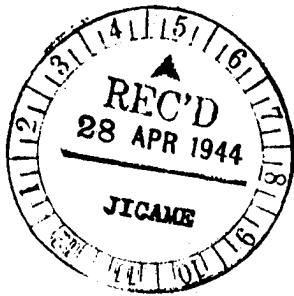
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THIS Memorandum attempts to give a picture of Albania in the early part of 1944. It brings together scattered material from various sources, chief among them being British and American intelligence reports and Albanian Press and Radio articles and comments.

In addition to a summary of facts, however, an attempt has been made to probe the motives of the different sections of opinion within the country, in order that the maximum use may be made of the factors of resistance to German occupation, whether at present active or passive.

It has not been possible in the text to quote authorities consulted, since in many cases two or three quite independent sources have been collated to establish a single statement. But the bulk of the material comes from: CSDIC interrogation reports; Force 266 Albanian summaries; material supplied by SOI(A), Bari; a memorandum prepared by the United States OSS/SBS and a series of Albanian newspapers and propaganda leaflets supplied by the same office; the PWE Balkan radio monitoring report and other information collected by PWE.

It is intended to follow this report as soon as possible by an ALBANIAN WHO'S WHO, containing information about some hundreds of figures in Albanian public life. This is intended as background material for those involved in Albanian affairs and is also being prepared with an eye to greater ease of administration of the country if that should be called for.

Office of SOSO, Bari.
April 1944

H. HODGKINSON
S/Lt RNVR.

Staff Officer Special Operations

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THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT FROM 1939

AFTER Albanian resistance to the Italian occupation had been beaten down in April 1939, many Army officers took to the hills to engage in guerilla warfare. But the presence of overwhelming Italian forces restricted opportunities, and the resistance movement could not begin on any considerable scale until after the discomfiture of Mussolini's ~~missions~~ in the Greek War, and the chaotic conditions and considerable transfer of Italian troops which followed the German campaign in the Balkans.

By the end of 1941 several guerilla bands were reported to be in operation, the principal leaders being Muharrem Bajraktari, Major Abaz Kupa, Baba Faja Marteneshu and Myslim Pesa. These were joined early in 1942 by new bands, some formed under the influence of the Communist Party. The policy adopted by these groups - of which close on a hundred were recently known to be in existence - was to avoid large-scale operations, ambush Italian convoys, capturing equipment and personnel, and take control of areas valuable to the enemy because they contain natural resources such as oil wells, pitch deposits and chrome mines.

To reach agreement on policy and tactics, the various guerilla groups were represented at a conference at Prezë, near Tirana, in September 1942. In addition to delegates from the bands, a number of private patriots attended. About 20 people are reported to have been present, including four Communists. Political differences were laid aside, and the conference formed a united organisation, known first as the Fronti Nacional Çlirimtar (National Liberation Front),

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Chief, CRD
322 Ames Building

28 Sep 83

SK

I agree. I have found no classified information in the report. Please advise NARS that the report is de-classified.

I Phoned [redacted] 28 Sep. He no longer in touch with the GAO people and asked if we would send it back. I said that we would.

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12 September 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Information Review Officer, DO

FROM: [REDACTED]

Chief, Classification Review Division
Office of Information Services, DDASUBJECT: Review of OSS Document Requested by GAO
re Investigation of Nazi War Criminals

1. The attached OSS report on Albania dated 25 April 1944 is of interest to the GAO team searching records in connection with their continuing investigation of Nazi war criminals. It was sent to us by NARS for review and delivery to GAO (see attached NARS memo dated 9 September 1983).

2. We have reviewed the report and have found no classified information in it. There are several references to British contacts with partisans during WW II but they are general in nature and a great deal has already been published on this subject. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Since it is an OSS document however, we are forwarding it to you for coordination and to make it available to GAO.

3. Please note that NARS would like to be notified if we declassify the report. If you would like us to notify NARS, you can let us know; a telephone call would be sufficient.

Attachments:

Memo from NARS, dtd 9 Sept 83
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Chief
Classification Review Division
Central Intelligence Agency
Room 322, Ames Building
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Stan:

The General Accounting Office has requested a copy of a classified document from the Records of the Office of Strategic Services for investigations they are conducting concerning Nazi war criminals. Enclosed is a copy of the item requested by GAO.

Please send your review determination and a copy of the document to

Mr. David M. Broy
GAO Evaluator
Room 3864
441 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20548
(Phone: 633-1559)

Also, please inform us of any declassification actions you may take.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jo Ann'.

JO ANN WILLIAMSON
Chief, Archives Review Branch
Records Declassification Division

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